

Appl. No. 10/783,540
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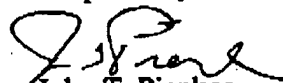
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Remarks

In response to the Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees, the Applicant as shown above has completely cancelled claims 18-20, which were previously indicated as being Withdrawn. The cancelled claims are being cancelled without prejudice to the possible pursuit of those claims in a future (e.g., continuing) application.

A total of 20 claims are now pending, of which claims 1, 14 and 24 are independent. Consequently, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the claims, and that only a one-month extension fee is due in relation to the submission of this Amendment. The Applicant continues to respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present Application.

Respectfully,


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